
KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you

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have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

THE SYNAXARION

On August 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ; and we commemorate the holy martyrs Photios and Anikytos of Nicomedia.

Emperor Diocletian once came to Nicomedia with the evil intention to completely exterminate the Christians. But Anikytos, one of the high ranking officials of the city, boldly confessed before the emperor his faith in Christ the Lord, God incarnate in the flesh for our salvation. The emperor ordered his tongue to be severed but Anikytos, by the power of God, continued to speak. They then released a lion against him but the lion cuddled around him. At that moment the temple of Hercules collapsed. Photios, a kinsman of Anikytos, seeing the miracles and endurance of Anikytos, kissed him, declared himself a Christian and cried out to the emperor: “O idolater, be ashamed, your gods are nothingness!” Eventually, Photios and Anikytos went to their glorious deaths, and scores of men, women and children went with them. They all suffered about the year 305. Anikytos and Photios are invoked in the prayers in the Sacrament of Anointing with Oil (Holy Unction) and in the Blessing of Water.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

We are not called to be ritual; we are called to be holy. We are not called to be religious; we are called to be prayerful. This is what we are called to be – a holy nation, a royal priesthood. – His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH



Holy Bread is offered by:

Anonymous

Rodolfo Salinas & Daria Baklenova for the health of our families.

Edwina Youngblood for Phillip’s birthday, for the Youngblood, Self, and Bethke families, all parishioners of

St George, Fr Joseph and Rev. Deacon Sifuentes families.

Virginia Aziz in occasion of the 3rd/9th-day memorial service in memory of †Tommy D. Aziz, and of the 6-month memorial service in memory of her son †Eddie Aziz.

Deadline for Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement is Thursday

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Condolences & Memorials

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of El Paso would like to extend her deepest and sincerest condolences to **Nada Aziz on the loss of her beloved son, the departed** servant of God †**Tommy D. Aziz**, who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday July 31st, 2018. Condolences are also extended to his brothers Hanna and Billy, as well as to the Aziz and Yacoub families.

- A 3rd/9th-day memorial service will be offered this Sunday by Virginia Aziz in his memory, along with a 6-month memorial service in memory of †**Eddie Aziz. May their memory be eternal!**

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of El Paso would also like to offer her deepest and sincerest condolences to Oula (Khouzam) Sara on the loss of her beloved father †**Sadek Adeeb Khouzam**, who fell asleep in the Lord on the morning of Wednesday August 8th in Homs, Syria. Condolences are also extended to her husband Hanna, and the entire Sara family. **A 3rd/9th-day memorial service will be offered this Sunday in his memory. May his memory be eternal!**

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LADIES MEETING

The meeting scheduled for Sunday August 19 is canceled due to Knight's Baptism (son of Chris & Tiffany Joudi). I will send you updates by email later.

Sylvana Aldouri

LADIES SOCIETY

Calling for Donations! The Ladies Society is requesting new/gently used clothing items for all ages to donate to the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence in El Paso. School supplies (crayons, notebooks, pens and pencils, glue, erasers, markers, pencil bag, etc.) for children are also being collected prior to the start of the new school year and will be distributed to children in need throughout the community. Donations can be brought to the Mini Hall no later than August 12th. Thank you.

FESTIVAL PRE SALE TICKETS

There are 390 pre-sale tickets, \$7800, that are outstanding. If you have not paid for tickets you received, *PLEASE* do so by this coming Sunday.

Jamie Isaac – Treasurer



“A Taste of Orthodoxy” Study Group

Come and join us every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM!

Interesting discussions about our Faith, Worship, and Spiritual Life. The classes are led by Dr. Sandra Edwards and Fr. Joseph Abouid. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to strengthen your knowledge and faith!

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THE DORMITION FAST began on Wednesday, August 1st and ends on Wednesday, August 15th after the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**. During the Dormition Fast we encourage all faithful to observe the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil) Monday through Friday, yet wine and olive oil are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays (also for fish on Monday, August 6th, the feast of the Transfiguration).

**The Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos will be served on:
Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays @ 6:30 p.m**



An Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos will be celebrated on Tuesday August 14th, @ 6:30 p.m.

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Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by appointment).

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